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Dear Sir,
I am extremely obliged to you for your kind notice in the Magazine, and for your friendly letter. I by no means understood you to recommend a piratical edition of the Letters; but I was afraid that some of the piratical publishers, who abound in these days, might act upon the information you gave, and get out a very ⁱⁿcorrect edition.

I thank you for the good opinion so courteously expressed in your letter. Of course, I am perfectly aware what is the reason that I am not invited to write for the popular periodicals of the day; for it requires no extraordinary vanity to suppose that I could write better articles than some who are invited. But this effect of unpopularity is no inconvenience to me; for I could not write for such publications if I were ever so much urged. Life is growing too earnest with me to admit of my writing "pretty stories".

The Letters probably will not be out, till the middle or last of June; as I am obliged to be out of the city a few weeks.

Yours very gratefully & respectfully,

L. M. Child.

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